

REMARKS

The status of JP appln. no. 2000-35191 has not changed. The case is still pending.

In response to the objection to the specification, it is believed that the current language is accurate. The information *sent from* the second device is, in fact, returned to the second device. Thus, the objection to the specification is respectfully requested to be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3 - 5, and 10 - 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by KNIGHT et al. The Examiner rejected claims 2, 3, and 6 - 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over KNIGHT et al. in view of official notice. Applicants respectfully traverse.

KNIGHT et al. do not pertain to sending schedule messages from a first device to a second device. KNIGHT et al. merely disclose a database of items that can be selected based upon a query. KNIGHT et al. do not disclose two storage devices, each storing a group of data sets corresponding to a first and second set of words or phrases, respectively.

KNIGHT et al. also lack selecting at least one word or phrase from the stored words or phrases. KNIGHT et al.'s search criteria appears to be selected independent of the data stored in the remote online network servers.

KNIGHT et al. additionally lack transmitting the extracted identifier *as the*

message to the second apparatus. The passage relied upon by the Examiner describes downloading categories so that a user can more quickly search the categories.

Another feature not taught or suggested by KNIGHT et al. is the claimed converting the identifier to a specific word or phrase based upon the second data set stored in the second storage device. Firstly, there is no second data set stored at a second apparatus in KNIGHT et al.'s system. KNIGHT et al. disclose a single data set, stored at the message board. Secondly, the portion of KNIGHT et al. relied upon by the Examiner to show this limitation pertains to translating user commands into a form suitable for handling by a database management routine. The translation is unrelated to the categories, which the Examiner equates to the identifiers. That is, the categories are not translated into a second set of words or phrases, as would be required to be relevant to the claimed system. As noted above, the queries are independent of the categories, and KNIGHT et al. describe translating the queries. That is, KNIGHT et al. appear to translate the query so that it can be used to retrieve the appropriate categories.

Applicants respectfully challenge the Examiner's official notice and request support for the assertions, in accordance with MPEP 2144.03. Applicants also question the reasoning for applying the official notice because KNIGHT et al. provide no indication that "efficient global interaction" is desired. It is submitted that the Examiner is using impermissible hindsight reconstruction based solely on Applicants' disclosure.

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Dependent claims 2 - 4, and 6 - 12 are also believed to recite further patentable subject matter of the invention and therefore are also believed allowable over the prior art. As such, allowance of the dependent claims is deemed proper for at least the same reasons noted for the independent claims, in addition to reasons related to their own recitations.

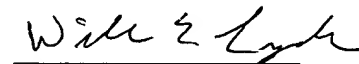
For example, claims 5, 14, 16, and 18 further require entering the converted words or phrases into a schedule. According to the Examiner's apparent interpretation of KNIGHT et al., the converted information is information in a form suitable for handling by a database management routine. Such information is not stored by the KNIGHT et al. system. The Examiner refers to col. 10, lines 5 - 6 with respect to this claim limitation. That passage discusses storing content received from the source. This information is not the converted information of KNIGHT et al. Moreover, the information of KNIGHT et al. is not entered into a schedule, but rather is stored in a generic database.

Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and an indication of the allowability of all of the claims in the present application.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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